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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is conducting a public workshop to discuss the proposed Environmental Fee Regulations. The regulations are being developed as a result of the April 24, 2006, California Supreme Court ruling in the *Morning Star v. State Board of Equalization et. al.* case. The Supreme Court's decision allows the collection of the environmental fee to continue without interruption, but directs DTSC to promulgate valid regulations under the Administrative Procedures Act.

The Environmental Fee is a fee paid by businesses in industry groups that use, generate or store hazardous materials or that conduct activities related to those materials. It applies to businesses with 50 or more employees that are employed more than 500 hours in California during a calendar year. The fee is based upon the total number of employees. The Environmental Fee is the main funding source for the DTSC contaminated site cleanup, hazardous materials laboratory, and pollution prevention activities.

The objective of the scheduled workshop is to provide an opportunity for interested parties to discuss and comment on the proposed regulations in anticipation of the formal regulatory process.

The workshop is scheduled for:

**DATE:** November 28, 2006  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, California 95812  
**Webcast:** [www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast)

**Note: Visitors must check-in with security upon entering the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building.**

All interested parties are invited to participate in this workshop. The workshop documents, including the workshop draft of the regulations, the workshop draft of the

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Initial Statement of Reasons, and the California Supreme Court decision in the Morning Star case are posted and available for review at DTSC's website at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/index.cfm> and at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/index.cfm>. If you do not have access to the internet, you may request a copy of the documents by contacting Kyle Gardner of the DTSC Fees Unit at (916) 322-2448 or by email at [kgardner@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:kgardner@dtsc.ca.gov).

If you would like to subscribe to the DTSC listserve for updated information on the Environmental Fee regulations, or to submit questions or comments about the draft documents, you may sign up at [www.calepa.ca.gov/listservs/dtsc/](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/listservs/dtsc/). DTSC is planning to begin the formal regulatory process for the environmental fee in spring 2007. Therefore, all comments on the workshop documents related to the environmental fee should be directed to the DTSC listserv no later than January 30, 2007.